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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 1, line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority from and is a continuation-in-part of pending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/740,682 filed Nov. 1, 1996, now abandoned. This application also claims priority from and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/297,418 filed April 30, 1999, now abandoned, which claims priority from PCT/US97/20441, filed October 31, 1997.